

**RULES
OF
THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**CHAPTER 1140-5
CONTINUING EDUCATION**

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1140-5-.01 REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACIST LICENSE RENEWAL.

- (1) Every person licensed as a pharmacist shall complete during each two year license cycle at least thirty (30) contact hours of continuing pharmaceutical education. Of the required thirty (30) contact hours, a minimum of fifteen (15) contact hours shall be acquired through live contact programs, as determined by the ACPE designation. A maximum of six (6) contact hours may be acquired through programs approved by the board.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph one (1) of this rule, no pharmacist shall be required to complete any continuing pharmaceutical education during a two (2) year license cycle if that pharmacist presents proof that during all or part of the license cycle the pharmacist was enrolled in a recognized academic program pursuing a pharmacy degree, a doctor of medicine degree, a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree, a doctor of dental surgery degree, or an advanced or graduate degree in a health-related science; or participating in a pharmacy residency or fellowship program; or engaged in a course of study leading to certification as a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant.
- (3) The board may waive the requirements of this rule upon a showing of emergency, illness, or other good cause.

Authority: T.C.A. §§63-10-404(5) and (26), 63-10-504(b)(1) and 63-10-506(g). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 5, 1984; effective January 4, 1985. Repeal and new rule filed May 11, 1998; effective July 25, 1998.

1140-5-.02 REPORTING SYSTEM.

- (1) Each pharmacist shall submit to the board with the license renewal form, and on a form provided by the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy, a sworn statement indicating that the pharmacist has completed the required number of continuing pharmaceutical education hours.
- (2) The board shall not renew the license of any pharmacist until the applicant has submitted the required sworn statement indicating that the pharmacist has completed the required number of continuing pharmaceutical education contact hours during the previous license cycle.
- (3) The licensee shall produce proof of the completion of the required number of continuing pharmaceutical education hours upon the request of the board or its designee.
- (4) Falsification of the continuing pharmaceutical education sworn statement may result in the probation, suspension or revocation of the pharmacist's license and/or the imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) with the imposition of a requirement for additional continuing education if appropriate.

Authority: T.C.A. §§56-1-308, 63-10-504(b)(1), and 63-10-506. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 5, 1984; effective January 4, 1985. Amendment filed November 17, 1994; effective March 30, 1995.

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1140-5-.03 RECOGNITION OF PROGRAMS.

The board will recognize any continuing pharmaceutical education hours obtained from an ACPE-approved provider.

Authority: *T.C.A. §§63-10-404(5) and 63-10-504(b)(1). Administrative History:* *Original rule filed December 5, 1984; effective January 4, 1985. Amendment filed November 17, 1994; effective March 30, 1995. Repeal and new rule filed May 11, 1998; effective July 25, 1998.*

1140-5-.04 FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS.

Any pharmacist who alters, forges, or falsifies, or causes to be altered, forged, or falsified any information, documents, or records required to be kept or submitted by this Chapter shall be subject to disciplinary action by the board under *T.C.A. § 63-10-505(6)*.

Authority: *T.C.A. §§63-10-404(2) and (26) and 63-10-504(b)(1). Administrative History:* *Original rule filed December 5, 1984; effective January 4, 1985. Amendment filed November 17, 1994; effective March 30, 1995. Repeal and new rule filed May 11, 1998, effective July 25, 1998.*